

REQUEST FOR CIA INFORMATION  
ON HEU SUPPLIERS AND WORLD-  
WIDE COMMERCE IN HEU

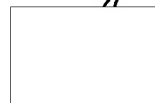
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GAO is conducting a review of worldwide efforts to develop reduced enrichment uranium fuel for research and test reactors. In the U.S., the Reduced Enrichment For Research and Test Reactors Program is developing such fuels. The program's ultimate success depends partly on the ability of the U.S. to use its leverage as a major HEU exporter to deny further shipments of HEU as the new, lower enriched fuels become available. In order to examine the validity of this proposition, we are reviewing the U.S. position as an exporter of HEU relative to other current and potential suppliers.

We would like to obtain any information the CIA has on worldwide commerce in HEU. We are interested in such information as who the suppliers are (country and company), amounts of HEU exports annually, and current plant capacities and expansion capabilities of both existing and potential suppliers. Information of this type will help us evaluate the relative positions of all HEU suppliers and the reasonableness of the U.S. intention to eventually close off its HEU exports to force other countries to abandon HEU fuels.

Fishing trip for self-  
initiated project. Refer  
to DOE (Charlie Boykin).

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Told above info. to Frank Deyman.  
He will contact DOE directly.



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